

will be added to the supplies taken to the church the day before. After the service it will be given to the poor of the congregation.

Joe was ready bright and early Thursday morning. Ted Ashley carried him a book, and noticing a portrait asked:

"Who is it?"

"My grandfather," said Grandma Gordon, "a soldier of the war of 1812."

A knock interrupted their conversation, and when grandma called "Come," in rushed fifteen boys loaded with baskets and bundles, pitchers and pails, which Johnnie Dows tried to explain. As he always stuttered when he was excited, the others had to come to his assistance. Ted danced for joy at the success of his little game, for he suggested the idea of going in ahead to divert "Grandma Gordon" from her accustomed seat at the window, where she sat and read her Bible, while knitting mittens for the boys who were so good to Joe. They said:

"Joe, we have brought you and Grandma Gordon your Thanksgiving dinner."

Before the two could recover from their surprise and express their thanks, the boys started for the door.

"Oh, boys, don't go," said Joe, but they all disappeared, and presently returned, carrying a wheeled reclining chair, saying:

"Joe, this is for you."

Joe was speechless, but his grandmother exclaimed,

"Thank the Lord for this, Joe. It is just what I have wished for ever since you were able to sit up."

Joe broke down when he tried to thank the boys, and burying his face in the pillow cried for joy. The boys had not expected such a reception of their gift, and some looked out of the window to conceal their emotion.

Dan Comstock, having sufficient self control to talk, began explaining how the chair worked. Showing Joe how to touch the springs that would make it into a bed if he wished, and told him, "the boys earned it all themselves," and they soon recovered their composure, and one said that as soon as he was strong enough, they would wheel him across the street to church and Bible class. Another said that every pleasant day some of them would roll him out on the street. Dick Trowbridge told him:

"In the spring you can sit in your chair on the play-ground at school, and watch all our games."

"Yes, said Ned Morgan, 'you can act as umpire for base ball, and scorer for tennis.'" Tom Porter interrupted them by calling out:

"Hurry up, boys, or we shall be too late for the procession, and we all want to see Joe at the window and give him 'Three cheers' just before we cross over to the church."

They tenderly lifted him into the new chair, and wheeled him over to the front window, Joe exclaiming:

"Oh! how comfortable. Oh, boys, it is just splendid!"

"It is real becoming to you, Joe, and I am very glad you have it." Joe answered:

"Boys, I can't thank you as I want to, words sound so empty; but I haven't been so happy since I was hurt, and I never had such a glorious Thanksgiving."—N. Y. Observer.

Sisters' S. C. E.

Gretna Ohio

Our socety from Gretna has not reported for sometime but we are alive and while we are not doing as much as we might do we feel that we have been doing something. Our socety with many neighbors and friends gathered at the home of brother Abednego Detrick's and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Oysters were served and after supper a friendship quilt was sold for twenty one dollars. The proceeds amounted to forty four dollars. We are all encouraged.

Our revivial meeting began one week ago last Sunday. Our pastor Brother White will preach until the 25th. and then we expect Brother Marks to be with us. Pray for the work.

HATTIE MILLER.

HOW CAN THE SISTERS HELP THE CHURCH?

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I hardly know why I was asked to write on this subject unless some think we are idle and should be set to work which is partly true, and greatly to our sorrow and regret. Perhaps some of you know we have been working with our sister churches since we have none of our own. By helping others we help ourselves and also our own church. This we thought our duty to do. We still find some one to love, teach and point the way of life eternal. Thus it is ever. If we as Sister's live in spirit, that spirit will suggest something for us to do, tho it may not be anything very great or of our own choosing. We may not at once start a day nursery or build a hospital as some churches have done, but as St. Peter has said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. But the subject today is, How can the sisters assist, or help the church? First, I would say we can pray. But how many really pray? I do not say how many say their prayers, but how many pray that prayer of faith that we may receive a benediction? We know that man's redemption rests on the absolute foundation of truth. We think all Christian women should begin their work of assisting the church in the home; by giving love unstintedly, not only to those of her own family, but to all who come under her influence. For we know that all that is purest and best in man is the echo of a Christian mother's life. The influence that a good Christian woman, wields, over all with whom she associates, is wonderful, as it is beautiful. It is the home life that this influence is brought out in its greatest power.

By helping in the Sunday school for the Sunday-school is the church studying the

Bible. In doing so we encourage not only the Sunday-school but the whole church, including the pastor who I am sure needs our sympathy perhaps more than we think. Many times he has cares and discouragements that we know nothing of, for he is a brave man and never complains. The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. And we sister's can assist him in his labor of love to the rich and the poor, the educated and the unlearned for there is neither age line or color line of any sort, in this uplifting labor of love. We shall not have far to go to find an opportunity for service. If we want a field of labor we can find it anywhere, and what our hands find to do we should do with zeal and faith ever ready to do little acts of charity and kindness tho it be but the giving of a smile or a flower. A sister's helpfulness in the church consists in doing anything to advance the cause of Christ without sacrificing principle.

Again our mission is to go about doing good as our Master did. If we once get the taste of doing for others we will find real joy. Think of the good we may do. There is no meaning in the cross we wear if we do not care for others. The cross means unselfishness or it means nothing. How careful we should be. Others are watching us and we too must be watchful. Christ said to Peter, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail thee not." He had his mind on others. He knew that others would be strengthened thru Peter's faith. So it is today we can be helpful only as we are faithful, faithful in doing little things not only to those that love us but to those who despitefully use us. Our Savior tells us to work for the night of death comes when no man can work. You say woman is weaker than man. I affirm they are weaker physically but of more worth is one honest Christian woman in the church and in the sight of God than all the crowned society men or women that ever lived. Men and women were created equal and the labor of each is also equal. They each have their work in the church. Indeed a sister should be a Dorcas in providing for those less fortunate than herself. He that would be greatest among you let him be servant of all are the words of our Lord. The greatness of woman is measured by the greatness of the service she renders. What are you and I in the world for, to see how much we can get out of it or to see how much we can put into it! None of us should be idle. As opportunity for doing good is presented we should be wise and alert in giving time and of our substance as the occasion demands. We cannot all have the same sphere in which to work but all have their special duties in the redemption of mankind. We are to be angels of mercy tender and true. The Sister's society can be of great benefit if their efforts are for the glory of God but if for financial purpose only there is very little spirituality in it. We should